विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी): (क) और (ख) भारत और श्रीलंका के बीच 1974 और 1976 में संपन्न समुद्री सीमा करारों में संयुक्त गश्त का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है । कच्चातिवू द्वीप समूह के आस-पास भारत और श्रीलंका द्वारा संयुक्त गश्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है । तथापि, भारत और श्रीलंका के बीच समुद्री किनारों पर नकारात्मक गतिविधियों से निपटने के लिए श्रीलंका और भारत की नौका सेनाओं के बीच सहयोग के प्रबन्ध विद्यमान हैं ।

(ग) और (घ) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार 1989-91 के दौरान श्रीलंका नौसेना द्वारा भारतीय मछेरों पर हमला करने की लगभग 54 अलग-अलग घटनायें हुई और इसकी वजह से 17 मछेरे मारे गए तथा 84 मछेरे घायल हुए । श्रीलंका की नौसेना द्वारा हमारे मछेरों पर हमला करने की जो भी घटनायें बताई गईं उन सबको हमने श्रीलंका की सरकार के साथ दृढ़ता से उठाया । हमने श्रीलंका सरकार पर इस बात के लिए जोर दिया है कि हमारे मछेरों द्वारा श्रीलंका के समुद्र में जाने के मामलों पर कानूनी और मानवीय तरीके से कार्यवाही की जानी चाहिए ।

भारतीय विदेश सेवा के अधिकारियों का कार्य-निष्पादन

2538. डा० अबरार अहमद : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी मिशनों में कार्यरत भारतीय विदेश सेवा के अधिकारियों के कार्य की वार्षिक अथवा द्विवार्षिक समीक्षा की जाती है और क्या विदेशों में उनके कार्यकाल के दौरान उनके योगदान का मूल्यांकन किया जाता है और यदि हां; तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे कितने अधिकारियों को उनके असन्तोषजनक कार्य-निष्पादन के कारण स्वदेश वापस बुलाया गया ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी) : (क) विदेश स्थित मिशनों में भारतीय विदेश सेवा के अधिकारियों के काम को वार्षिक गोपनीय रिपोर्ट से संबद्ध विशिष्ट और निर्धारित मानदंडों के आधार पर वार्षिक समीक्षा की जाती है जैसा कि अन्य सरकारी कर्मचारियों के मामले में किया जाता है ।

(ख) एक ।

Government's stand on Islamic countries meetings

2539. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen a press report from Nicosia, published in Hindustan Times, dated 4th December, 1991, saying that the coming summit meeting of the Organisation of Islamic countries would endorse Pakistani position on Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have stepped up diplomatic activity in the concerned countries; and

(c) if so, what has been the reaction of those Governments?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has conveyed its position to several OIC member states. The general reaction has been that though ,the governments understood our position they were not in a position to oppose the Pakistani draft resolution,

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Indo-Pak ties

2540. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Kashmir, N-arms likely to hit Pak bid

to better ties with India" appearing in the "The Economic Times", New Delhi dated the 3rd December, 1991;

(b) whether his attention has also been invited to another news item captioned "Captured military officer admits Pakistan training militants" appearing in "The Business and Political Observer", New Delhi dated the 3rd December, 1991;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and

(d) whether any formula for Kashmir is being evolved keeping in view the fact that the 1948 U.N. Resolutions on Kashmir that supported plebiscite in the Valley are no longer valid under the present changed circumstances and more so after the signing of the Shimla Pact?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Pakistan's support to terrorism in Punjab and J & K, its attempts to interfere in our internal affairs and internationalise the Kashmir issue in violation of the Simla Agreement impede normalisation of relations. Its clandestine pursuit of a weapons oriented nuclear programme adversely affects mutual confidence building. Government hope Pakistan will abandon its negative approach and join us in the endeavour to establish a tension free and good neighbourly relationship, in the interest of the peoples of the two countries and of peace and stability in the region.

(d) Government are committed to the Simla Agreement under which all differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally through peaceful negotiations. In Jammu and Kashmir, the issue that remains to be resolved is the vacation by Pakistan of territory illegally occupied by it.

Passport office building at Ahmedabad

2541. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to construct its own Passport Office building at Ahmedabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have purchased the land to construct the building;

(c) what is the amount of expenditure that has already been incurred on land and other things concerning proposed construction of passport office at Ahmedabad; and

(d) by when the passport office building will be constructed and completed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 79,31,637/- has so far been incurred on the purchase of land, construction of compound wall and on soil investigation work.

(d) Preliminary estimates prepared by Central Public Works Department for the construction project are being examined. Once these have been approved, it is understood that it will take about 33 months to complete construction of the project.

Reforming the foreign service

2542. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article in Financial Express dated November 28, 1991 titled "Reforming the foreign service";

(b) what is Government's reaction to the need to emphasise the trust on economic matters;

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(d) what steps are being taken to orient middle level officers to become familiar with economic matters?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Following the introduction of new economic policies, instructions have been issued to our Missions to give maximum priority to economic issues. The Missions have been asked to undertake a purposeful drive to increase exports from India, attract direct foreign investment and to secure access to high technology. Detailed information on the Government's new economic policies and procedures has been made available to the Missions. They have also been provided with a special 'media package' to enable them to project the new policies. A special training programme is also being organised by our Foreign